A. MARKED-UP VERSION (of all claims amended herein)

11. (once amended) A warning system, comprising:

a central control unit;

a plurality of local units connected to said central control unit;

each of said plurality of local units having a plurality of input trips and a plurality of programmable responses thereto;

said plurality of programmable responses for each said local unit tailorable to meet the needs of a particular location;

said plurality of input trips including a disconnect trip indicating that said central control unit has failed;

said plurality of programmable responses including the broadcast of an audio message; and,

[11. A warning system according to Claim 10, further including:]

said audio message being a verbal message that is broadcast in a plurality of different languages.